

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 629 – SB 1170

March 29, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Creates the state palliative care and quality of life task force within the Department of Health (DOH). The task force is to be composed of nine members who are to consult with and advise the DOH on matters related to the establishment, maintenance, operation, and outcomes evaluation of palliative care initiatives in this state. Requires the DOH to publish information about palliative care and available resources relating to such care on the Department's website. Adds the task force to the sunset cycle provisions under the *Tennessee Governmental Entity Review Law*, thereby creating a termination date for the task force of June 30, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – \$81,800/FY17-18
\$77,500/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005852): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Creates the state palliative care and quality of life task force. The task force is to be composed of 11 members who are to study palliative care and develop recommendations to address problems associated with the availability of palliative care. Requires members of the task force to serve without compensation or reimbursement for any expenses. Establishes a statewide palliative care consumer and professional information and education program and requires information about palliative care and available resources relating to such care to be published on a website. Requires the task force to terminate and stand dissolved and discharged from any other duties on June 30, 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$1,400/One-Time

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Two legislative members will serve on the task force and will be allowed per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses. The two legislative members will receive per diem

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of \$220 for each one-day meeting and \$0.47 per mile for an estimated 262 miles each roundtrip.

- Assuming two one-day meetings in FY17-18, the one-time increase in state expenditures occurring in FY17-18 is estimated to be \$1,373 [(\$220 x 2 members x 2 meetings) + (\$0.47 x 262 miles x 2 members x 2 roundtrips)].
- The Commission on Aging and Disability can provide administrative support for the task force within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee" followed by the letters "RNC" in a smaller, less legible script.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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